

FEDERAL CLIMATE COMPLEX

DATA DOCUMENTATION

FOR

INTEGRATED SURFACE HOURLY DATA

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1. **Data Set ID:**

 TD3505
2. **Data Set Name:**

 INTEGRATED SURFACE HOURLY DATABASE
3. **Data Set Aliases:**

 N/A
4. **Access Method and Sort for Archived Data:**

The hourly surface data files are from observational data, and are stored in ASCII character format. Data field definitions for elements transmitted are provided after this preface, providing definition of data fields, position number for mandatory data fields, field lengths for variable data fields, minimum/maximum values of transmitted data, and values for missing data fields.

Data Sequence - Data will be sequenced using the following data item order:

1. FIXED-WEATHER-STATION identifier
2. GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION date
3. GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION time
4. GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION latitude coordinate
5. GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION longitude coordinate
6. GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION type surface report code
7. GEOPHYSICAL-REPORT-TYPE code

Record Structure - Each record is of variable length and is comprised of a control and mandatory data section and may also contain additional, remarks, and element quality data sections.

Maximum record size: 2,838 characters

Maximum block length: 8,192 characters for data provided on tape

Control Data Section - The beginning of each record provides information about the report including date, time, and station location information. Data fields will be in positions identified in the applicable data definition. The control data section is fixed length and is 60 characters long.

Mandatory Data Section - The mandatory data section contains meteorological information on the basic elements such as winds, visibility, and temperature. These are the most commonly reported parameters and are available most of the time. The mandatory data section is fixed length and is 45 characters long.

Additional Data Section - Variable length data are provided after the mandatory data. These additional data contain information of significance and/or which are received with a high degree of frequency. Identifiers are used to note when data are present in the record. If all data fields in a group are missing, the entire group is usually not reported. If no groups are

reported the section will be omitted. The additional data section is variable in length with a minimum of 0 characters and a maximum of 637 (634 characters plus a 3 character section identifier) characters.

Note: Specific information (where applicable) pertaining to each variable group of data elements is provided in the data item definition.

Remarks Data - The numeric and character (plain language) remarks are provided if they exist. The data will vary in length and are identified in the applicable data definition. The remarks section has a maximum length of 515 (512 characters plus a 3 character section identifier) characters.

Element Quality Data Section - The element quality data section contains information on data that have been determined erroneous or suspect during quality control procedures. Also, some of the original data source codes and flags are stored here. This section is variable in length and contains 16 characters for each erroneous or suspect parameter. The section has a minimum length of 0 characters and a maximum length of 1587 (1584 plus a 3 character section identifier) characters.

Missing Values - Missing values for any non-signed item are filled (i.e., 999). Missing values for any signed item are positive filled (i.e., +99999).

Longitude and Latitude Coordinates - Longitudes will be reported with negative values representing longitudes west of 0 degrees, and latitudes will be negative south of the equator. Although the data field allows for values to a thousandth of a degree, the values are often only computed to the hundredth of a degree with a 0 entered in the thousandth position.

5. **Access Method and Sort for Supplied Data:** See #4 above.
6. **Element Names and Definitions:** See documentation below.

Control Data Section

- POS: 1-4
 TOTAL-VARIABLE-CHARACTERS (this includes remarks, additional data, and element quality section)
 The number of characters in the variable data section.
 DOM: A general domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
 MIN: 0000 MAX: 9999
- POS: 5-10
 FIXED-WEATHER-STATION USAF MASTER STATION CATALOG identifier
 The identifier that represents a FIXED-WEATHER-STATION.
 MIN: 000000 MAX: 999999
 DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
 COMMENT: This field includes all surface reporting stations, including ships, buoys, etc.
- POS: 11-15
 FIXED-WEATHER-STATION NCDC WBAN identifier
 The identifier that represents a FIXED-WEATHER-STATION.
 MIN: 00000 MAX: 99999
 DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
 COMMENT: This field includes all surface reporting stations, including ships, buoys, etc.
- POS: 16-23
 GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION date
 The date of a GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION.
 MIN: 00000101 MAX: 99991231
 DOM: A general domain comprised of integer values 0-9 in the format YYYYMMDD.
 YYYY can be any positive integer value; MM is restricted to values 01-12; and DD is restricted to values 01-31.
- POS: 24-27
 GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION time
 The time of a GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION based on
 Coordinated Universal Time Code (UTC).
 MIN: 0000 MAX: 2359
 DOM: A general domain comprised of integer values 0-9 in the format HHMM.
 HH is restricted to values 00-23; MM is restricted to values 00-59.
- POS: 28-28
 GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION data source flag
 The flag of a GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION showing the source or
 combination of sources used in creating the observation.
 MIN: 1 MAX: Z
 DOM: A general domain comprised of values 1-9 and A-E.
 1 = DATSAV3 observation, candidate for merge with TD3280 (not yet merged, failed element checks)
 2 = TD3280 observation, candidate for merge with DATSAV3 (not yet merged, failed element checks)
 3 = DATSAV3/TD3280 merged observation
 4 = DATSAV3 observation
 5 = TD3280 observation
 A = DATSAV3/TD3240 merged observation, candidate for merge with TD3280 (not yet merged, failed element
 checks)
 B = TD3280/TD3240 merged observation, candidate for merge with DATSAV3 (not yet merged, failed element
 checks)
 C = DATSAV3/TD3280/TD3240 merged observation
 D = DATSAV3/TD3240 merged observation
 E = TD3280/TD3240 merged observation
 9 = Missing
- POS: 29-34
 GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION latitude coordinate
 The latitude coordinate of a GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION where southern

hemisphere is negative.
MIN: -90000 MAX: +90000
UNITS: Degrees
SCALING FACTOR: 1000
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9), a plus sign (+), and a minus sign (-).
+99999 = Missing

POS: 35-41

GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION longitude coordinate
The longitude coordinate of a GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION where values west from 000000 to 179999 are signed negative.
MIN: -179999 MAX: +180000 UNITS: Degrees
SCALING FACTOR: 1000
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9), a plus sign (+), and a minus sign (-).
+999999 = Missing

POS: 42-46

GEOPHYSICAL-REPORT-TYPE code
The code that denotes the type of geophysical surface observation.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
FM-12 = SYNOP Report of surface observation from a fixed land station
FM-13 = SHIP Report of surface observation from a sea station
FM-14 = SYNOP MOBIL Report of surface observation from a mobile land station
FM-15 = METAR Aviation routine weather report
FM-16 = SPECI Aviation selected special weather report
FM-18 = BUOY Report of a buoy observation
SAO = Airways report (includes record specials)
SAOSP = Airways special report (excluding record specials)
AERO = Aerological report
AUTO = Report from an automatic station
SY-AE = Synoptic and aero merged report
SY-SA = Synoptic and airways merged report
SY-MT = Synoptic and METAR merged report
SY-AU = Synoptic and auto merged report
SA-AU = Airways and auto merged report
S-S-A = Synoptic, airways, and auto merged report
BOGUS = Bogus report
SMARS = Supplementary airways station report

POS: 47-51

GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION elevation dimension
The elevation of a GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION relative to Mean Sea Level (MSL).
MIN: -0400 MAX: +8850 UNITS: Meters
SCALING FACTOR: 1
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9), a minus sign (-), and a plus sign (+).
+9999 = Missing

POS: 52-56

FIXED-WEATHER-STATION call letter identifier
The identifier that represents the call letters assigned to a FIXED-WEATHER-STATION.
DOM: A general domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
99999 = Missing.

POS: 57-60

METEOROLOGICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION quality control process name
The name of the quality control process applied to a weather observation.
DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII character set.

Mandatory Data Section

Bold type below indicates that the element may include data originating from NCDC's TD3280 or from AFCCC's DATSAV3. Otherwise, data originated from DATSAV3.

POS: 61-63

WIND-OBSERVATION direction angle

The angle, measured in a clockwise direction, between true north and the direction from which the wind is blowing.

MIN: 001 MAX: 360 UNITS: Angular Degrees

SCALING FACTOR: 1

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
999 = Missing

POS: 64-64

WIND-OBSERVATION direction quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported WIND-OBSERVATION direction angle.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
- 9 = Missing

POS: 65-65

WIND-OBSERVATION type code

The code that denotes the character of the WIND-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- C: Calm
- N: Normal
- Q: Squall
- V: Variable
- 9 = Missing

POS: 66-69

WIND-OBSERVATION speed rate

The rate of horizontal travel of air past a fixed point.

MIN: 0000 MAX: 0900 UNITS: meters per second

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
9999 = missing.

POS: 70-70

WIND-OBSERVATION speed quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported WIND-OBSERVATION speed rate.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
- 9 = Missing

POS: 71-75

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION ceiling height dimension

The height above ground level (AGL) of the lowest cloud or obscuring phenomena layer aloft with 5/8 or more summation total sky cover, which may be predominantly opaque, or the vertical visibility into a surface-based obstruction. Unlimited = 22000.

MIN: 00000 MAX: 22000 UNITS: Meters

SCALING FACTOR: 1

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
99999 = missing.

POS: 76-76

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION ceiling quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported ceiling height dimension.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
- 9 = Missing

POS: 77-77

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION ceiling determination code

The code that denotes the method used to determine the ceiling.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- A: Aircraft
- B: Balloon
- C: Statistically derived
- E: Estimated
- M: Measured
- R: Radar
- S: ASOS augmented
- W: Obscured
- 9: Missing

POS: 78-78

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION CAVOK code

The code that represents whether the 'Ceiling And Visibility Okay' (CAVOK) condition has been reported.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- N: No
- Y: Yes

POS: 79-84

VISIBILITY-OBSERVATION distance dimension

The horizontal distance at which an object can be seen and identified.

MIN: 000000 MAX: 160000 UNITS: Meters

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

Missing = 999999

NOTE: Values greater than 160000 are entered as 160000

POS: 85-85

VISIBILITY-OBSERVATION distance quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported distance of a visibility observation.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous
4 = No check, from TD3280
5 = Good, from TD3280
6 = Suspect, from TD3280
7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
9 = Missing

POS: 86-86

VISIBILITY-OBSERVATION variability code

The code that denotes whether or not the reported visibility is variable.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

N: Not variable
V: Variable
9 = Missing

POS: 87-87

VISIBILITY-OBSERVATION quality variability code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported VISIBILITY-OBSERVATION variability code.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

POS: 88-92

AIR-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION air temperature

The temperature of the air.

MIN: -0932 MAX: +0618 UNITS: Degrees Celsius

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9), a plus sign (+), and a minus sign (-).

+9999 = missing.

POS: 93-93

AIR-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION air temperature quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of an AIR-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
4 = No check, from TD3280
5 = Good, from TD3280
6 = Suspect, from TD3280
7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
9 = Missing

POS: 94-98

AIR-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION dew point temperature

The temperature to which a given parcel of air must be cooled at constant pressure and water vapor content in order for saturation to occur.

MIN: -0982 MAX: +0368 UNITS: Degrees Celsius

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9), a plus sign (+), and a minus sign (-).

+9999 = missing.

POS: 99-99

AIR-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION dew point quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported dew point temperature.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
- 9 = Missing

POS: 100-104

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION sea level pressure rate

The air pressure relative to Mean Sea Level (MSL).

MIN: 08600 MAX: 10900 UNITS: Hectopascals

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

99999 = Missing.

POS: 105-105

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION sea level pressure quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the sea level pressure of an

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
- 9 = Missing

Additional Data Section

Bold type below indicates that the element may include data originating from NCDC's TD3280, TD3240, or from AFCCC's DATSAV3. Otherwise, data originated from DATSAV3.

FLD LEN: 3

GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION additional data identifier
 The identifier that denotes the beginning of the additional data section.
 DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII character set.
 ADD Additional Data Section

FLD LEN: 3

LIQUID-PRECIPITATION occurrence identifier

The identifier that represents an episode of LIQUID-PRECIPITATION.
 DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
 AA1 - AA4 An indicator of up to 4 repeating fields of the following items:
 LIQUID-PRECIPITATION period quantity
 LIQUID-PRECIPITATION depth dimension
 LIQUID-PRECIPITATION trace code

FLD LEN: 2

LIQUID-PRECIPITATION period quantity

The quantity of time over which the LIQUID-PRECIPITATION was measured.
 MIN: 00 MAX: 48 UNITS: Hours
 SCALING FACTOR: 1
 DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set
 99 = missing.

FLD LEN: 4

LIQUID-PRECIPITATION depth dimension

The depth of LIQUID-PRECIPITATION that is measured at the time of an observation.
 MIN: 0000 MAX: 9998 UNITS: millimeters
 SCALING FACTOR: 10
 DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
 9999 = missing.

FLD LEN: 1

LIQUID-PRECIPITATION condition code

The code that denotes whether a LIQUID-PRECIPITATION depth dimension was a trace value.
 DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
 1: Measurement impossible or inaccurate
 2: Trace
 9: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

LIQUID-PRECIPITATION quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported LIQUID-PRECIPITATION data.
 DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
 0 = No check
 1 = Good
 2 = Suspect
 3 = Erroneous
 4 = No check, from TD3240
 5 = Good, from TD3240
 6 = Suspect, from TD3240
 7 = Erroneous, from TD3240
 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

PRECIPITATION-OBSERVATION-HISTORY identifier

The identifier that indicates the occurrence of precipitation history information.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

AC1 An indicator of the following items:

PRECIPITATION-OBSERVATION-HISTORY duration code

PRECIPITATION-OBSERVATION-HISTORY characteristic code

FLD LEN: 1

PRECIPITATION-OBSERVATION-HISTORY duration code

The code that denotes the duration of precipitation.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = Lasted less than 1 hour

1 = Lasted 1 - 3 hours

2 = Lasted 3 - 6 hours

3 = Lasted more than 6 hours

9 = missing

FLD LEN: 1

PRECIPITATION-OBSERVATION-HISTORY characteristic code

The code that denotes whether precipitation is continuous or intermittent.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

C = Continuous

I = Intermittent

9 = missing

FLD LEN: 1

PRECIPITATION duration/characteristic quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported PRECIPITATION duration/characteristic.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

PRECIPITATION-BOGUS-OBSERVATION identifier

The identifier that represents a PRECIPITATION-BOGUS-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

AG1 An indicator of the occurrence of the following items:

PRECIPITATION-OBSERVATION discrepancy code

PRECIPITATION-OBSERVATION estimated water equivalency dimension

FLD LEN: 1

PRECIPITATION-BOGUS-OBSERVATION discrepancy code

The code that denotes the type of discrepancy between a PRECIPITATION-OBSERVATION and other related observations at the same location.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0: Reported amount of precipitation and reported weather agree

1: Precipitation missing or not reported and none inferred by weather

2: Precipitation missing, but precipitation inferred by weather

3: Precipitation reported, but none inferred by weather

4: Zero precipitation reported, but precipitation inferred by weather

5: Zero precipitation reported, no precipitation inferred and precipitation not occurring at the reporting station

9: Missing

FLD LEN: 3

PRECIPITATION-BOGUS-OBSERVATION estimated water equivalency dimension

The estimated depth of precipitation in water equivalency for a 3-hour synoptic period.

MIN: 000 MAX: 998 UNITS: millimeters

SCALING FACTOR: 1
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
999 = Missing.

FLD LEN: 3

SNOW-DEPTH identifier
The identifier that denotes the start of a SNOW-DEPTH data section.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
AJ1 An indicator of the occurrence of the following items:
 SNOW-DEPTH dimension
 SNOW-DEPTH condition code
 SNOW-DEPTH equivalent water depth dimension
 SNOW-DEPTH equivalent water condition code

FLD LEN: 4

SNOW-DEPTH dimension
The depth of snow and ice on the ground.
MIN: 0000 MAX: 1200 UNITS: centimeters
SCALING FACTOR: 1
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
9999 = missing.

FLD LEN: 1

SNOW-DEPTH condition code
The code that denotes specific conditions associated with the measurement of snow in a PRECIPITATION-OBSERVATION.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
 1: Measurement impossible or inaccurate
 2: Snow cover not continuous
 3: Trace
 9: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SNOW-DEPTH quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SNOW-DEPTH data.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
 0 = No check
 1 = Good
 2 = Suspect
 3 = Erroneous
 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 6

SNOW-DEPTH equivalent water depth dimension
The depth of the liquid content of solid precipitation that has accumulated on the ground.
MIN: 000000 MAX: 120000 UNITS: millimeters
SCALING FACTOR: 10
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
999999 = missing.

FLD LEN: 1

SNOW-DEPTH equivalent water condition code
The code that denotes specific conditions associated with the measurement of the SNOW-DEPTH.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
 1: Measurement impossible or inaccurate
 2: Trace
 9: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SNOW-DEPTH equivalent water condition quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SNOW-DEPTH equivalent water condition.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

SNOW-ACCUMULATION occurrence identifier

The identifier that represents an episode of SNOW-ACCUMULATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

AL1 - AL4 An indicator of up to 4 repeating fields of the following items:

SNOW-ACCUMULATION six hour depth dimension

SNOW-ACCUMULATION condition code

SNOW-ACCUMULATION period quantity

FLD LEN: 2

SNOW-ACCUMULATION period quantity

The quantity of time over which the SNOW-ACCUMULATION occurred.

MIN: 00 MAX: 72 UNITS: Hours

SCALING FACTOR: 1

DOM: A general domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

99 = missing.

FLD LEN: 3

SNOW-ACCUMULATION depth dimension

The depth of a SNOW-ACCUMULATION.

MIN: 000 MAX: 500 UNITS: centimeters

SCALING FACTOR: 1

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

999 = Missing.

FLD LEN: 1

SNOW-ACCUMULATION condition code

The code that denotes specific conditions associated with the measurement of the depth of a SNOW-ACCUMULATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

1: Measurement impossible or inaccurate

2: Snow cover not continuous

3: Trace

9: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SNOW-ACCUMULATION quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SNOW-ACCUMULATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION automated occurrence identifier

The identifier that signifies the reporting of present weather.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters.

AW1 First automated weather report

PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION automated atmospheric condition code

PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION quality automated atmospheric condition code

FLD LEN: 2

PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION automated atmospheric condition code

The code that denotes a specific type of weather reported by an automated device.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

00: No significant weather observed

01: Clouds generally dissolving or becoming less developed

02: State of sky on the whole unchanged during the past hour

03: Clouds generally forming or developing during the past hour

04: Haze, smoke, or dust in suspension in the air, visibility equal to or greater than 1km

05: Smoke

10: Mist

11: Diamond dust

12: Distant lightning

18: Squalls

(Code figures 20-26 are used to report precipitation, fog, or thunderstorm at the station during the preceding hour, but not at the time of observation.)

20: Fog

21: Precipitation

22: Drizzle (not freezing) or snow grains

23: Rain (not freezing)

24: Snow

25: Freezing drizzle or freezing rain

26: Thunderstorm (with or without precipitation)

27: Blowing or drifting snow or sand

28: Blowing or drifting snow or sand, visibility equal to or greater than 1 km

29: Blowing or drifting snow or sand, visibility less than 1 km

30: Fog

31: Fog or ice fog in patches

32: Fog or ice fog, has become thinner during the past hour

33: Fog or ice fog, no appreciable change during the past hour

34: Fog or ice fog, has begun or become thicker during the past hour

35: Fog, depositing rime

40: Precipitation

41: Precipitation, slight or moderate

42: Precipitation, heavy

43: Liquid precipitation, slight or moderate

44: Liquid precipitation, heavy

45: Solid precipitation, slight or moderate

46: Solid precipitation, heavy

47: Freezing precipitation, slight or moderate

48: Freezing precipitation, heavy

50: Drizzle

51: Drizzle, not freezing, slight

52: Drizzle, not freezing, moderate

53: Drizzle, not freezing, heavy

54: Drizzle, freezing, slight

55: Drizzle, freezing, moderate

56: Drizzle, freezing, heavy

57: Drizzle and rain, slight

58: Drizzle and rain, moderate or heavy

60: Rain

61: Rain, not freezing, slight

62: Rain, not freezing, moderate

63: Rain, not freezing, heavy

64: Rain, freezing, slight

65: Rain, freezing, moderate

66: Rain, freezing, heavy

67: Rain or drizzle and snow, slight

68: Rain or drizzle and snow, moderate or heavy

70: Snow

71: Snow, slight

72: Snow, moderate

73: Snow, heavy
 74: Ice pellets, slight
 75: Ice pellets, moderate
 76: Ice pellets, heavy
 80: Showers or intermittent precipitation
 81: Rain showers or intermittent rain, slight
 82: Rain showers or intermittent rain, moderate
 83: Rain showers or intermittent rain, heavy
 84: Rain showers or intermittent rain, violent
 85: Snow showers or intermittent rain, slight
 86: Snow showers or intermittent rain, moderate
 87: Snow showers or intermittent rain, heavy
 90: Thunderstorm
 91: Thunderstorm, slight or moderate, with no precipitation
 92: Thunderstorm, slight or moderate, with rain showers and/or snow showers
 93: Thunderstorm, slight or moderate, with hail
 94: Thunderstorm, heavy, with no precipitation
 95: Thunderstorm, heavy, with rain showers and/or snow
 96: Thunderstorm, heavy, with hail
 99: Tornado

FLD LEN: 1

PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION quality automated atmospheric condition code
 The code that denotes a quality status of a reported present weather observation from an automated station.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check
 1 = Good
 2 = Suspect
 3 = Erroneous
 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION manual occurrence identifier

The identifier that signifies the reporting of past weather.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

AY1 - AY2 An indicator of up to 2 repeating fields of the following item:
 PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION manual atmospheric condition code
 PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION quality manual atmospheric condition code
 PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION period quantity
 PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION period quality code

FLD LEN: 1

PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION manual atmospheric condition code

The code that denotes a specific type of past weather observed manually.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

Domain Value ID: Domain Value Definition Text

0: Cloud covering 1/2 or less of the sky throughout the appropriate period
 1: Cloud covering more than 1/2 of the sky during part of the appropriate period and covering 1/2 or less during part of the period
 2: Cloud covering more than 1/2 of the sky throughout the appropriate period
 3: Sandstorm, duststorm or blowing snow
 4: Fog or ice fog or thick haze
 5: Drizzle
 6: Rain
 7: Snow, or rain and snow mixed
 8: Shower(s)
 9: Thunderstorm(s) with or without precipitation

FLD LEN: 1

PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION quality manual atmospheric condition code
The code that denotes a quality status of a reported past weather observation from a manual station.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION period quantity
The quantity of time over which a PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION occurred.

MIN: 01 MAX: 24 UNITS: hours

DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII characters 0-9.
99 = missing

FLD LEN: 1

PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION period quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of a reported past weather period.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION automated occurrence identifier

The identifier that signifies the reporting of present weather.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- AZ1- AZ2 An indicator of the following item: (this may occur 0 - 2 times)
 - PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION automated atmospheric condition code
 - PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION quality automated atmospheric condition code
 - PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION period quantity
 - PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION period quality code

FLD LEN: 1

PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION automated atmospheric condition code
The code that denotes a specific type of past weather reported by an automated device.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0: No significant weather observed
- 1: Visibility reduced
- 2: Blowing phenomena, visibility reduced
- 3: Fog
- 4: Precipitation
- 5: Drizzle
- 6: Rain
- 7: Snow or ice pellets
- 8: Showers or intermittent precipitation
- 9: Thunderstorm

FLD LEN: 1

PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION quality automated atmospheric condition code
The code that denotes a quality status of a reported past weather observation from an automated station.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION period quantity
The quantity of time over which a PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION occurred.
MIN: 01 MAX: 24 UNITS: hours
DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII characters 0-9.
99 = Missing

FLD LEN: 1

PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION period quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of a reported past weather period.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

RUNWAY-VISUAL-RANGE-OBSERVATION identifier
The identifier that indicates the occurrence of a runway visibility report.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters.
ED1

FLD LEN: 2

RUNWAY-VISUAL-RANGE-OBSERVATION direction angle
The angle as measured from magnetic north to the runway along which the
visibility is observed.
MIN: 01 MAX: 36 UNITS: Tens of degrees
SCALING FACTOR: 1/10
DOM: A general domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
99 = missing

FLD LEN: 1

RUNWAY-VISUAL-RANGE-OBSERVATION runway designator code
The code that denotes the left, right or center runway as the one to which the
visibility applies.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters:
L = left
C = center
R = right
U = unknown

FLD LEN: 4

RUNWAY-VISUAL-RANGE-OBSERVATION visibility dimension
The dimension of the horizontal distance that can be seen along the runway.
MIN: 0000 MAX: 5000 UNITS: meters
DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII characters 0-9.
9999 = missing

FLD LEN: 1

RUNWAY-VISUAL-RANGE-OBSERVATION quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of the reported RUNWAY-VISUAL-RANGE-OBSERVATION.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3**SKY-COVER-LAYER identifier**

The identifier that represents a SKY-COVER-LAYER.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

GA1-GA6 An indicator of up to 6 repeating fields of the following items:
SKY-COVER-LAYER coverage code
SKY-COVER-LAYER base height dimension
SKY-COVER-LAYER cloud type code

FLD LEN: 2

SKY-COVER-LAYER coverage code

The code that denotes the fraction of the total celestial dome covered by a SKY-COVER-LAYER.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

00: None, SKC or CLR
01: One oktas - 1/10 or less but not zero
02: Two oktas - 2/10 - 3/10, or FEW
03: Three oktas - 4/10
04: Four oktas - 5/10, or SCT
05: Five oktas - 6/10
06: Six oktas - 7/10 - 8/10
07: Seven oktas - 9/10 or more but not 10/10, or BKN
08: Eight oktas - 10/10, or OVC
09: Sky obscured, or cloud amount cannot be estimated
10: Partial obscuration
99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-COVER-LAYER coverage quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SKY-COVER-LAYER coverage.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 6**SKY-COVER-LAYER base height dimension**

The height relative to a VERTICAL-REFERENCE-DATUM of the lowest surface of a cloud.

MIN: -00400 MAX: +35000 UNITS: Meters

SCALING FACTOR: 1

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

+99999 = missing

FLD LEN: 1**SKY-COVER-LAYER base height quality code**

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SKY-COVER-LAYER base height.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
4 = No check, from TD3280
5 = Good, from TD3280
6 = Suspect, from TD3280
7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2**SKY-COVER-LAYER cloud type code**

The code that denotes the classification of the clouds that comprise a SKY-COVER-LAYER.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

00: Cirrus (Ci)

- 01: Cirrocumulus (Cc)
- 02: Cirrostratus (Cs)
- 03: Alto cumulus (Ac)
- 04: Altostratus (As)
- 05: Nimbostratus (Ns)
- 06: Stratocumulus (Sc)
- 07: Stratus (St)
- 08: Cumulus (Cu)
- 09: Cumulonimbus (Cb)
- 10: Cloud not visible owing to darkness, fog, duststorm, sandstorm, or other analogous phenomena
- 11: Not used
- 12: Towering Cumulus (Tcu)
- 13: Stratus fractus (Stfra)
- 14: Stratocumulus Lenticular (Scsl)
- 15: Cumulus Fractus (Cufra)
- 16: Cumulonimbus Mammatus (Cbmam)
- 17: Altocumulus Lenticular (Acsl)
- 18: Altocumulus Castellanus (Accas)
- 19: Altocumulus Mammatus (Acmm)
- 20: Cirrocumulus Lenticular (Ccsl)
- 99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-COVER-LAYER cloud type quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SKY-COVER-LAYER cloud type.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE identifier

The identifier that denotes the availability of a SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters.

GD1 – GD6 An indicator of up to 6 repeating fields of the following items:

- SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE coverage code
- SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE height dimension
- SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE characteristic code

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE coverage code

The code that denotes the portion of the total celestial dome covered by all layers of clouds and other obscuring phenomena at or below a given height.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters

- 0: Clear - No coverage
- 1: FEW - 2/8 or less coverage (not including zero)
- 2: SCATTERED - 3/8-4/8 coverage
- 3: BROKEN - 5/8-7/8 coverage
- 4: OVERCAST - 8/8 coverage
- 5: OBSCURED
- 6: PARTIALLY OBSCURED
- 9: MISSING

FLD LEN: 2

SKY-COVER-SUMMATION coverage code

The code that denotes the fraction of the total celestial dome covered by a SKY-COVER-LAYER.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 00: None, SKC or CLR
- 01: One okta - 1/10 or less but not zero
- 02: Two oktas - 2/10 - 3/10, or FEW
- 03: Three oktas - 4/10
- 04: Four oktas - 5/10, or SCT
- 05: Five oktas - 6/10
- 06: Six oktas - 7/10 - 8/10
- 07: Seven oktas - 9/10 or more but not 10/10, or BKN
- 08: Eight oktas - 10/10, or OVC
- 99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE coverage quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE coverage.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 6

SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE height dimension

The height above ground level (AGL) of the base of the cloud layer or obscuring phenomena.

MIN: -00400 MAX: +35000 UNITS: meters

DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII characters 0-9, a plus (+) and a minus sign (-).
+99999 = missing

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE height dimension quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE height dimension.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-COVER-SUMMATION-STATE characteristic code

The code that represents a characteristic of a specific cloud or other obscuring phenomena layer.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 1: Variable height
- 2: Variable amount
- 3: Thin clouds
- 9: Missing

FLD LEN: 3**SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION identifier**

An indicator that denotes the start of a SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION data group.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- GF1: An indicator of the occurrence of the following data items:
- SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION total coverage code
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION quality total coverage code
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION total lowest cloud cover code
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION quality total lowest cloud cover code
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION low cloud genus code
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION quality low cloud genus code
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION lowest cloud base height dimension
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION lowest cloud base height quality code
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION mid cloud genus code
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION quality mid cloud genus code
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION high cloud genus code
 - SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION quality high cloud genus code

FLD LEN: 2**SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION total coverage code**

The code that denotes the fraction of the total celestial dome covered by clouds or other obscuring phenomena.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 00: None, SKC or CLR
- 01: One okta - 1/10 or less but not zero
- 02: Two oktas - 2/10 - 3/10, or FEW
- 03: Three oktas - 4/10
- 04: Four oktas - 5/10, or SCT
- 05: Five oktas - 6/10
- 06: Six oktas - 7/10 - 8/10
- 07: Seven oktas - 9/10 or more but not 10/10, or BKN
- 08: Eight oktas - 10/10, or OVC
- 09: Sky obscured, or cloud amount cannot be estimated
- 10: Partial obscuration
- 99: Missing

FLD LEN: 2**SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION total opaque coverage code**

The code that denotes the fraction of the total celestial dome covered by opaque clouds or other obscuring phenomena.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 00: None, SKC or CLR
- 01: One okta - 1/10 or less but not zero
- 02: Two oktas - 2/10 - 3/10, or FEW
- 03: Three oktas - 4/10
- 04: Four oktas - 5/10, or SCT
- 05: Five oktas - 6/10
- 06: Six oktas - 7/10 - 8/10
- 07: Seven oktas - 9/10 or more but not 10/10, or BKN
- 08: Eight oktas - 10/10, or OVC
- 99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1**SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION quality total coverage code**

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported total sky coverage code.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION total lowest cloud cover code

The code that represents the fraction of the celestial dome covered by all low clouds present. If no low clouds are present; the code denotes the fraction covered by all middle level clouds present.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 00: None
- 01: One okta or 1/10 or less but not zero
- 02: Two oktas or 2/10 - 3/10
- 03: Three oktas or 4/10
- 04: Four oktas or 5/10
- 05: Five oktas or 6/10
- 06: Six oktas or 7/10 - 8/10
- 07: Seven oktas or 9/10 or more but not 10/10
- 08: Eight oktas or 10/10
- 09: Sky obscured, or cloud amount cannot be estimated
- 99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION quality total lowest cloud cover code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported total lowest cloud cover code.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION low cloud genus code

The code that denotes a type of low cloud.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII Character set.

- 00: No low clouds
- 01: Cumulus humilis or Cumulus fractus other than of bad weather or both
- 02: Cumulus mediocris or congestus, with or without Cumulus of species fractus or humilis or Stratocumulus all having bases at the same level
- 03: Cumulonimbus calvus, with or without Cumulus, Stratocumulus or Stratus
- 04: Stratocumulus cumulogenitus
- 05: Stratocumulus other than Stratocumulus cumulogenitus
- 06: Stratus nebulosus or Stratus fractus other than of bad weather, or both
- 07: Stratus fractus or Cumulus fractus of bad weather, or both (pannus) usually below Altostratus or Nimbostratus
- 08: Cumulus and Stratocumulus other than Stratocumulus cumulogenitus, with bases at different levels
- 09: Cumulonimbus capillatus (often with an anvil), with or without Cumulonimbus calvus, Cumulus, Stratocumulus, Stratus or pannus
- 99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION quality low cloud genus code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported low cloud type.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 5

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION lowest cloud base height dimension

The height, above ground level (AGL), of the base of the lowest cloud.

MIN: 00000 MAX: 21000 UNITS: Meters

SCALING FACTOR: 1

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
99999 = missing.

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION lowest cloud base height quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of a lowest cloud base height.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION mid cloud genus code

The code that denotes a type of middle level cloud.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 00: No middle clouds
- 01: Altostratus translucidus
- 02: Altostratus opacus or Nimbostratus
- 03: Altocumulus translucidus at a single level
- 04: Patches (often lenticular) of Altocumulus translucidus, continually changing and occurring at one or more levels
- 05: Altocumulus translucidus in bands, or one or more layers of Altocumulus translucidus or opacus, progressively invading the sky; these Altocumulus clouds generally thicken as a whole
- 06: Altocumulus cumulogenitus (or cumulonimbogenitus)
- 07: Altocumulus translucidus or opacus in two or more layers, or Altocumulus opacus in a single layer, not progressively invading the sky, or Altocumulus with Altostratus or Nimbostratus
- 08: Altocumulus castellanus or floccus
- 09: Altocumulus of a chaotic sky; generally at several levels
- 99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION quality mid cloud genus code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported mid cloud type.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION high cloud genus code

The code that denotes a type of high cloud.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 00: No High Clouds
- 01: Cirrus fibratus, sometimes uncinus, not progressively invading the sky
- 02: Cirrus spissatus, in patches or entangled sheaves, which usually do not increase and sometimes seem to be the remains of the upper part of a Cumulonimbus; or Cirrus castellanus or floccus
- 03: Cirrus spissatus cumulonimbogenitus
- 04: Cirrus uncinus or fibratus, or both, progressively invading the sky; they generally thicken as a whole
- 05: Cirrus (often in bands) and Cirrostratus, or Cirrostratus alone, progressively invading the sky; they generally thicken as a whole, but the continuous veil does not reach 45 degrees above the horizon
- 06: Cirrus (often in bands) and Cirrostratus, or Cirrostratus alone, progressively invading the sky; they generally thicken as a whole; the continuous veil extends more than 45 degrees above the horizon, without the sky being totally covered.
- 07: Cirrostratus covering the whole sky
- 08: Cirrostratus not progressively invading the sky and not entirely covering it

09: Cirrocumulus alone, or Cirrocumulus predominant among the High clouds
99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION quality high cloud genus code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported high cloud type.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER identifier

The identifier that represents a BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

GG1-GG6 An indicator of up to 6 repeating fields of the following items:

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER coverage code

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER top height dimension

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER type code

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER top code

FLD LEN: 2

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER coverage code

The code that denotes the extent of coverage of a BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

00: None

01: One okta - 1/10 or less but not zero

02: Two oktas - 2/10 - 3/10

03: Three oktas - 4/10

04: Four oktas - 5/10

05: Five oktas - 6/10

06: Six oktas - 7/10 - 8/10

07: Seven oktas - 9/10 or more but not 10/10

08: Eight oktas - 10/10

09: Sky obscured, or cloud amount cannot be estimated

10: Partial obscuration

99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER coverage quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER coverage.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 5

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER top height dimension

The height above mean sea level (MSL) of the top of a BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER.

MIN: 00000 MAX: 35000 UNITS: Meters

SCALING FACTOR: 1

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

99999 = missing

FLD LEN: 1

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER top height dimension quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER top height dimension.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER type code

The code that denotes the classification of the clouds that comprise a BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 00: Cirrus (Ci)
- 01: Cirrocumulus (Cc)
- 02: Cirrostratus (Cs)
- 03: Altocumulus (Ac)
- 04: Altostratus (As)
- 05: Nimbostratus (Ns)
- 06: Stratocumulus (Sc)
- 07: Stratus (St)
- 08: Cumulus (Cu)
- 09: Cumulonimbus (Cb)
- 10: Cloud not visible owing to darkness, fog, dust storm, sandstorm, or other analogous phenomena
- 99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER type quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER type.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER top code

The code that denotes the characteristics of the upper surface of a BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 00: Isolated cloud or fragments of clouds
- 01: Continuous flat tops
- 02: Broken cloud - small breaks, flat tops
- 03: Broken cloud - large breaks, flat tops
- 04: Continuous cloud, undulation tops
- 05: Broken cloud - small breaks, undulating tops
- 06: Broken cloud - large breaks, undulating tops
- 07: Continuous or almost continuous with towering clouds above the top of the layer
- 08: Groups of waves with towering clouds above the top of the layer
- 09: Two of more layers at different levels
- 99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER top quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported BELOW-STATION-CLOUD-LAYER top.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

SUNSHINE-OBSERVATION identifier
The identifier that denotes the availability of sunshine information.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters
GJ1

FLD LEN: 4

SUNSHINE-OBSERVATION sunshine duration quantity
The quantity of time sunshine occurred over the reporting period.
MIN: 0000 MAX: 6000 UNITS: minutes
DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII characters 0-9.

FLD LEN: 1

SUNSHINE-OBSERVATION sunshine duration quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SUNSHINE-OBSERVATION sunshine duration.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

HAIL identifier
The identifier that denotes the start of a HAIL data section.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
HL1 An indicator of the occurrence of the following item:
Hail dimension

FLD LEN: 3

HAIL size
The diameter of the largest hailstone observed.
MIN: 000 MAX: 200 UNITS: Centimeters
SCALING FACTOR: 10
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

FLD LEN: 1

HAIL size quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of the reported HAIL size.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION identifier
The identifier that denotes the availability of a GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
IA1: An indicator of the occurrence of the following data item:
GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION code

FLD LEN: 2

GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION code

The code that denotes the physical condition of the ground's surface.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

NOTE: Code values 10-19 indicate the state of the ground without snow or measurable ice cover.

- 00 : Surface of ground dry (no appreciable amount of dust or loose sand)
- 01: Surface of ground dry (without cracks and no appreciable amount of dust or loose sand and without snow or measurable ice cover)
- 02: Extremely dry with cracks (without snow or measurable ice cover)
- 03: Loose dry dust or sand not covering ground completely (without snow or measurable ice cover)
- 04: Loose dry dust or sand covering more than one-half of ground (but not completely)
- 05: Loose dry dust or sand covering ground completely
- 06: Thin cover of loose dry dust or sand covering ground completely (without snow or measurable ice cover)
- 07: Moderate or thick cover of loose dry dust or sand covering ground completely (without snow or measurable ice cover)
- 08: Surface of ground moist
- 09: Surface of ground moist (without snow or measurable ice cover)
- 10: Surface of ground wet (standing water in small or large pools on surface)
- 11: Surface of ground wet (standing water in small or large pools on surface without snow or measurable ice cover)
- 12: Flooded (without snow or measurable ice cover)
- 13: Surface of ground frozen
- 14: Surface of ground frozen (without snow or measurable ice cover)
- 15: Glaze or ice on ground, but no snow or melting snow
- 16: Glaze on ground (without snow or measurable ice cover)
- 17: Ground predominantly covered by ice
- 18: Snow or melting snow (with or without ice) covering less than one-half of the ground
- 19: Snow or melting snow (with or without ice) covering more than one-half of the ground but ground not completely covered
- 20: Snow or melting snow (with or without ice) covering ground completely
- 21: Loose dry snow covering less than one-half of the ground
- 22: Loose dry snow covering at least one half of the ground (but not completely)
- 23: Even layer of loose dry snow covering ground completely
- 24: Uneven layer of loose dry snow covering ground completely
- 25: Compact or wet snow (with or without ice) covering less than one-half of the ground
- 26: Compact or wet snow (with or without ice) covering at least one-half of the ground but ground not completely covered
- 27: Even layer of compact or wet snow covering ground completely
- 28: Uneven layer of compact or wet snow covering ground completely
- 29: Snow covering ground completely; deep drifts
- 30: Lose dry dust or sand covering one-half of the ground (but not completely)
- 31: Loose dry snow, dust or sand covering ground completely

FLD LEN: 1

GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION code quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION code.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION minimum-temperature identifier
The identifier that denotes the availability of GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION minimum temperature data.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
IA2: An indicator of the occurrence of the following data item:
GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION minimum-temperature period quantity
GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION minimum temperature

FLD LEN: 3

GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION minimum-temperature period quantity
The quantity of time over which the ground temperature was sampled to determine the minimum temperature.

MIN: 001 MAX: 480 UNITS: hours

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 5

GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION minimum temperature
The minimum temperature of the ground's surface recorded during the observation period.

MIN: -1100 MAX: +1500 UNITS: Degrees Celsius

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9), a plus sign (+), and a minus sign(-).

FLD LEN: 1

GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION minimum temperature quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of the reported GROUND-SURFACE-OBSERVATION minimum temperature.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE identifier
The identifier that denotes the start of an EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE data section.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

KA1-KA2 An indicator of up to 2 repeating fields of the following items:

EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE period quantity
EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE code
EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE air temperature

FLD LEN: 3

EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE period quantity
The quantity of time over which temperatures were sampled to determine the EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE.

MIN: 001 MAX: 480 UNITS: Hours:

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII character set
999 = missing

FLD LEN: 1

EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE code
The code that denotes an EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE as a maximum or a minimum.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

N: Minimum temperature
M: Maximum temperature
9: Missing

FLD LEN: 5

EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE temperature

The temperature of the high or low air temperature for a given period.

MIN: -1100 MAX: +0630 UNITS: Degrees Celsius

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters(0-9), a plus sign (+), and a minus sign (-).
+9999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 1

EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE temperature quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported EXTREME-AIR-TEMPERATURE temperature.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION identifier

The identifier that denotes the start of an ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION data section.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

MA1 An indicator of the occurrence of the following items:

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION altimeter setting rate
ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION altimeter quality code
ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION station pressure rate
ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION station pressure quality code

FLD LEN: 5

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION altimeter setting rate

The pressure value to which an aircraft altimeter is set so that it will indicate the altitude relative to mean sea level of an aircraft on the ground at the location for which the value was determined.

MIN: 08635 MAX: 10904 UNITS: Hectopascals

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

Missing = 99999

FLD LEN: 1

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION altimeter quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of an altimeter setting rate.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
4 = No check, from TD3280
5 = Good, from TD3280
6 = Suspect, from TD3280
7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 5

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION station pressure rate

The atmospheric pressure at the observation point.

MIN: 04500 MAX: 10900 UNITS: Hectopascals

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

99999 = Missing.

FLD LEN: 1

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION station pressure quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the station pressure of an ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE identifier

The identifier that denotes the start of an ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE data section.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

Domain Value ID: Domain Value Definition Text

- MD1 An indicator of the occurrence of the following items:
 - ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE tendency code
 - ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE quality tendency code
 - ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE three hour quantity
 - ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE quality three hour code
 - ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE twenty four hour quantity
 - ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE quality twenty four hour code

FLD LEN: 1

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE tendency code

The code that denotes the characteristics of an ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE that occurs over a period of three hours.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

Domain Value ID: Domain Value Definition Text

- 0: Increasing, then decreasing; atmospheric pressure the same or higher than 3 hours ago
- 1: Increasing then steady; or increasing, then increasing more slowly; atmospheric pressure now higher than 3 hours ago
- 2: Increasing (steadily or unsteadily); atmospheric pressure now higher than 3 hours ago
- 3: Decreasing or steady, then increasing; or increasing, then increasing more rapidly; atmospheric pressure now higher than 3 hours ago
- 4: Steady; atmospheric pressure the same as 3 hours ago
- 5: Decreasing, then increasing; atmospheric pressure the same or lower than 3 hours ago
- 6: Decreasing, then steady; or decreasing, then decreasing more slowly; atmospheric pressure now lower than 3 hours ago
- 7: Decreasing (steadily or unsteadily); atmospheric pressure now lower than 3 hours ago
- 8: Steady or increasing, then decreasing; or decreasing, then decreasing more rapidly; atmospheric pressure now lower than 3 hours ago
- 9: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE quality tendency code

The code that denotes a quality status of the tendency of an ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE three hour quantity

The absolute value of the quantity of change in atmospheric pressure measured at the beginning and end of a three hour period.

MIN: 000 MAX: 500 UNITS: Hectopascals

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
Missing = 999

FLD LEN: 1

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE quality three hour code

The code that denotes the quality status of the three hour quantity for an ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 4

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE twenty four hour quantity

The quantity of change in atmospheric pressure measured at the beginning and end of a twenty four hour period.

MIN: -800 MAX: +800 UNITS: Hectopascals

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters(0-9), a plus sign (+), and a minus sign (-).
+999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 1

ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE quality twenty four hour code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported twenty four hour ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

GEOPOTENTIAL-HEIGHT-ISOBARIC-LEVEL identifier

The identifier that denotes the availability of GEOPOTENTIAL-HEIGHT-ISOBARIC-LEVEL data.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

ME1: An indicator of the occurrence of the following data items:

GEOPOTENTIAL-HEIGHT-ISOBARIC-LEVEL code

GEOPOTENTIAL-HEIGHT-ISOBARIC-LEVEL height dimension

FLD LEN: 1

GEOPOTENTIAL-HEIGHT-ISOBARIC-LEVEL code

The code that denotes the isobaric surface used to represent geopotential height.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

Domain Value ID: Domain Value Definition Text

1: 1000 hectopascals

2: 925 hectopascals

3: 850 hectopascals

4: 700 hectopascals

5: 500 hectopascals

9: Missing

FLD LEN: 4

GEOPOTENTIAL-HEIGHT-ISOBARIC-LEVEL height dimension

The height of a GEOPOTENTIAL-HEIGHT-ISOBARIC-LEVEL

MIN: 0000 MAX: 9998 UNITS: Geopotential Meters

SCALING FACTOR: 1

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

9999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 1

GEOPOTENTIAL-HEIGHT-ISOBARIC-LEVEL height dimension quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported GEOPOTENTIAL-HEIGHT-ISOBARIC-LEVEL height dimension.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

PRESENT-WEATHER-IN-VICINITY-OBSERVATION occurrence identifier

The identifier that signifies the reporting of present weather.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters.

MV1 = first weather reported

MV2 = second weather reported

MV3 = third weather reported

MV4 = fourth weather reported

MV5 = fifth weather reported

MV6 = sixth weather reported

MV7 = seventh weather reported

An indicator of up to 7 repeating fields of the following items:

PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION atmospheric condition code.

PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION quality manual atmospheric condition code

FLD LEN: 2

PRESENT-WEATHER-IN-VICINITY-OBSERVATION atmospheric condition code

The code that denotes a specific type of weather observed between 5 and 10 statute miles of the station at the time of observation. Observed at selected stations from July 1, 1996 to present.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

00: No observation

01: Thunderstorm in vicinity

02: Showers in vicinity

03: Sandstorm in vicinity

04: Sand / dust whirls in vicinity

05: Duststorm in vicinity

06: Blowing snow in vicinity

07: Blowing sand in vicinity

08: Blowing dust in vicinity

09: Fog in vicinity

FLD LEN: 1

PRESENT-WEATHER-IN-VICINITY-OBSERVATION quality atmospheric condition code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported present weather in vicinity observation from a station.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

4 = No check, from TD3280

5 = Good, from TD3280

6 = Suspect, from TD3280

7 = Erroneous, from TD3280

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3**PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION manual occurrence identifier**

The identifier that signifies the reporting of present weather.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters.

MW1 = first weather reported

MW2 = second weather reported

MW3 = third weather reported

MW4 = fourth weather reported

MW5 = fifth weather reported

MW6 = sixth weather reported

MW7 = seventh weather reported

An indicator of up to 7 repeating fields of the following items:

PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION manual atmospheric condition code.

PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION quality manual atmospheric condition code

FLD LEN: 2**PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION manual atmospheric condition code**

The code that denotes a specific type of weather observed manually.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

00-49 No precipitation at the station at the time of observation

00-19 No precipitation, fog, ice fog (except for 11 and 12), duststorm, sandstorm, drifting or blowing snow at the station at the time of observation or, except for 09 and 17, during the preceding hour.

00: Cloud development not observed or not observable

01: Clouds generally dissolving or becoming less developed

02: State of sky on the whole unchanged

03: Clouds generally forming or developing

04: Visibility reduced by smoke, e.g. veldt or forest fires, industrial smoke or volcanic ashes

05: Haze

06: Widespread dust in suspension in the air, not raised by wind at or near the station at the time of observation

07: Dust or sand raised by wind at or near the station at the time of observation, but no well-developed dust whirl(s) or sand whirl(s), and no duststorm or sandstorm seen or, in the case of ships, blowing spray at the station

08: Well developed dust whirl(s) or sand whirl(s) seen at or near the station during the preceding hour or at the time of observation, but no duststorm or sandstorm

09: Duststorm or sandstorm within sight at the time of observation, or at the station during the preceding hour

10: Mist

11: Patches of shallow fog or ice fog at the station, whether on land or sea, not deeper than about 2 meters on land or 10 meters at sea

12: More or less continuous shallow fog or ice fog at the station, whether on land or sea, not deeper than about 2 meters on land or 10 meters at sea

13: Lightning visible, no thunder heard

14: Precipitation within sight, not reaching the ground or the surface of the sea

15: Precipitation within sight, reaching the ground or the surface of the sea, but distant, i.e., estimated to be more than 5 km from the station

16: Precipitation within sight, reaching the ground or the surface of the sea, near to, but not at the station

17: Thunderstorm, but no precipitation at the time of observation

18: Squalls at or within sight of the station during the preceding hour or at the time of observation

19: Funnel cloud(s) (Tornado cloud or waterspout) at or within sight of the station during the preceding hour or at the time of observation

20-29 Precipitation, fog, ice fog or thunderstorm at the station during the preceding hour, but not at the time of observation.

20: Drizzle (not freezing) or snow grains not falling as shower(s)

21: Rain (not freezing) not falling as shower(s)

22: Snow not falling as shower(s)

23: Rain and snow or ice pellets not falling as shower(s)
 24: Freezing drizzle or freezing rain not falling as shower(s)
 25: Shower(s) of rain
 26: Shower(s) of snow or of rain and snow
 27: Shower(s) of hail (Hail, small hail, snow pellets), or rain and hail
 28: Fog or ice fog
 29: Thunderstorm (with or without precipitation)
 30: Slight or moderate duststorm or sandstorm has decreased during the preceding hour
 31: Slight or moderate duststorm or sandstorm no appreciable change during the preceding hour
 32: Slight or moderate duststorm or sandstorm has begun or has increased during the preceding hour
 33: Severe duststorm or sandstorm has decreased during the preceding hour
 34: Severe duststorm or sandstorm no appreciable change during the preceding hour
 35: Severe duststorm or sandstorm has begun or has increased during the preceding hour
 36: Slight or moderate drifting snow generally low (below eye level)
 37: Heavy drifting snow generally low (below eye level)
 38: Slight or moderate blowing snow generally high (above eye level)
 39: Heavy blowing snow generally high (above eye level)

40-49 Fog or ice fog at the time of observation

40: Fog or ice fog at a distance at the time of observation, but not at the station during the preceding hour, the fog or ice fog extending to a level above that of the observer
 41: Fog or ice fog in patches
 42: Fog or ice fog, sky visible, has become thinner during the preceding hour
 43: Fog or ice fog, sky invisible, has become thinner during the preceding hour
 44: Fog or ice fog, sky visible, no appreciable change during the preceding hour
 45: Fog or ice fog, sky invisible, no appreciable change during the preceding hour
 46: Fog or ice fog, sky invisible, has begun or has become thicker during the preceding hour
 47: Fog or ice fog, sky invisible, has begun or has become thicker during the preceding hour
 48: Fog, depositing rime, sky visible
 49: Fog, depositing rime, sky invisible

50-99 Precipitation at the station at the time of observation

50-59 Drizzle

50: Drizzle, not freezing, intermittent, slight at time of observation
 51: Drizzle, not freezing, continuous, slight at time of observation
 52: Drizzle, not freezing, intermittent, moderate at time of observation
 53: Drizzle, not freezing, continuous, moderate at time of observation
 54: Drizzle, not freezing, intermittent, heavy (dense) at time of observation
 55: Drizzle, not freezing, continuous, heavy (dense) at time of observation
 56: Drizzle, freezing, slight
 57: Drizzle, freezing, moderate or heavy (dense)
 58: Drizzle and rain, slight
 59: Drizzle and rain, moderate or heavy

60-69: Rain

60: Rain, not freezing, intermittent, slight at time of observation
 61: Rain, not freezing, continuous, slight at time of observation
 62: Rain, not freezing, intermittent, moderate at time of observation
 63: Rain, not freezing, continuous, moderate at time of observation
 64: Rain, not freezing, intermittent, heavy at time of observation
 65: Rain, not freezing, continuous, heavy at time of observation
 66: Rain, freezing, slight
 67: Rain, freezing, moderate or heavy
 68: Rain or drizzle and snow, slight
 69: Rain or drizzle and snow, moderate or heavy

70-79 Solid precipitation not in showers

70: Intermittent fall of snowflakes, slight at time of observation
 71: Continuous fall of snowflakes, slight at time of observation

72: Intermittent fall of snowflakes, moderate at time of observation
 73: Continuous fall of snowflakes, moderate at time of observation
 74: Intermittent fall of snowflakes, heavy at time of observation
 75: Continuous fall of snowflakes, heavy at time of observation
 76: Diamond dust (with or without fog)
 77: Snow grains (with or without fog)
 78: Isolated star-like snow crystals (with or without fog)
 79: Ice pellets

80-99 Showery precipitation, or precipitation with current or recent thunderstorm

80: Rain shower(s), slight
 81: Rain shower(s), moderate or heavy
 82: Rain shower(s), violent
 83: Shower(s) of rain and snow mixed, slight
 84: Shower(s) of rain and snow mixed, moderate or heavy
 85: Show shower(s), slight
 86: Snow shower(s), moderate or heavy
 87: Shower(s) of snow pellets or small hail, with or without rain or rain and snow mixed, slight
 88: Shower(s) of snow pellets or small hail, with or without rain or rain and snow mixed, moderate or heavy
 89: Shower(s) of hail (hail, small hail, snow pellets) , with or without rain or rain and snow mixed, not associated with thunder, slight
 90: Shower(s) of hail (hail, small hail, snow pellets), with or without rain or rain and snow mixed, not associated with thunder, moderate or heavy
 91: Slight rain at time of observation, thunderstorm during the preceding hour but not at time of observation
 92: Moderate or heavy rain at time of observation, thunderstorm during the preceding hour but not at time of observation
 93: Slight snow, or rain and snow mixed or hail (Hail, small hail, snow pellets), at time of observation, thunderstorm during the preceding hour but not at time of observation
 94: Moderate or heavy snow, or rain and snow mixed or hail(Hail, small hail, snow pellets) at time of observation, thunderstorm during the preceding hour but not at time of observation
 95: Thunderstorm, slight or moderate, without hail (Hail, small hail, snow pellets), but with rain and/or snow at time of observation, thunderstorm at time of observation
 96: Thunderstorm, slight or moderate, with hail (hail, small hail, snow pellets) at time of observation, thunderstorm at time of observation
 97: Thunderstorm, heavy, without hail (Hail, small hail, snow pellets), but with rain and/or snow at time of observation, thunderstorm at time of observation
 98: Thunderstorm combined with duststorm or sandstorm at time of observation, thunderstorm at time of observation
 99: Thunderstorm, heavy, with hail (Hail, small hail, snow pellets) at time of observation, thunderstorm at time of observation

FLD LEN: 1

PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION quality manual atmospheric condition code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported present weather observation from a manual station.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 4 = No check, from TD3280
- 5 = Good, from TD3280
- 6 = Suspect, from TD3280
- 7 = Erroneous, from TD3280
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION identifier

The identifier that denotes the start of a SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION data section.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

OA1 - OA3: An indicator of up to 3 occurrences of the following item:

SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION type code

SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION period quantity

SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION speed rate

FLD LEN: 1

SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION type code

The code that denotes a type of SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters.

1 = Average speed of prevailing wind

2 = Mean wind speed

3 = Maximum instantaneous wind speed

4 = Maximum gust speed

5 = Maximum mean wind speed

6 = Maximum 1-minute mean wind speed

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION period quantity

The quantity of time over which a SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION occurred.

MIN: 01 MAX: 48 UNITS: Hours

DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII characters.

99 = Missing

FLD LEN: 4

SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION speed rate

The rate of horizontal speed of air reported in the SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION.

MIN: 0000 MAX: 2000 UNITS: Meters per Second

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

9999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 1

SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION speed rate quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SUPPLEMENTARY-WIND-OBSERVATION speed rate.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WIND-GUST-OBSERVATION identifier

The identifier that denotes the start of a WIND-GUST-OBSERVATION data section.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

OC1: An indicator of the occurrence of the following item:

WIND-GUST-OBSERVATION speed rate

WIND-GUST-OBSERVATION quality code

FLD LEN: 4

WIND-GUST-OBSERVATION speed rate

The rate of speed of a wind gust.

MIN: 0050 MAX: 1100 UNITS: Meters per second

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

FLD LEN: 1

WIND-GUST-OBSERVATION quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of a reported WIND-GUST-OBSERVATION speed rate.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

SEA-SURFACE-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION identifier

The identifier that denotes the start of a SEA-SURFACE-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION temperature data section.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character.

SA1: An indicator of the occurrence of the following item:

SEA-SURFACE-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION temperature

FLD LEN: 4

SEA-SURFACE-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION temperature

The temperature of the water at the surface.

MIN: -050 MAX: +450 UNITS: Degrees Celsius

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters(0-9), a plus sign (+), and a minus sign (-).

FLD LEN: 1

SEA-SURFACE-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION temperature quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported SEA-SURFACE-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION temperature.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WAVE-MEASUREMENT identifier

The identifier that represents the availability of a WAVE-MEASUREMENT.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

UA1: An indicator of the occurrence of the following data items:

WAVE-MEASUREMENT method code

WAVE-MEASUREMENT wave period quantity

WAVE-MEASUREMENT wave height dimension

WAVE-MEASUREMENT sea state code

FLD LEN: 1

WAVE-MEASUREMENT method code

A code that represents the method used to obtain a WAVE-MEASUREMENT.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters

M: Manual

I: Instrumental

9: Missing

FLD LEN: 2

WAVE-MEASUREMENT wave period quantity

The quantity of time required for two successive wave crests to pass a fixed point.

MIN: 00 MAX: 14 UNITS: Seconds

SCALING FACTOR: 1

DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).

99 = Missing.

FLD LEN: 3

WAVE-MEASUREMENT wave height dimension
The height of a wave measured from trough to crest.
MIN: 000 MAX: 500 UNITS: Meters
SCALING FACTOR: 10
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
999 = Missing.

FLD LEN: 1

WAVE-MEASUREMENT quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of the reported WAVE-MEASUREMENT.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

WAVE-MEASUREMENT sea state code
The code that denotes the roughness of the surface of the sea in terms of average wave height.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII character set.
00: Calm, glassy - wave height = 0 meters
01: Calm, rippled - wave height = 0-0.1 meters
02: Smooth, wavelets - wave height = 0.1-0.5 meters
03: Slight, wave height = 0.5-1.25 meters
04: Moderate - wave height 1.25-2.5 meters
05: Rough - wave height = 2.5-4.0 meters
06: Very rough - wave height = 4.0-6.0 meters
07: High - wave height = 6.0-9.0 meters
08: Very high - wave height 9.0-14.0 meters
09: Phenomenal - wave height = over 14.0 meters
99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

WAVE-MEASUREMENT sea state code quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of the reported WAVE-MEASUREMENT sea state code.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WAVE-MEASUREMENT primary swell identifier
The identifier that denotes the availability of primary swell data.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
UG1: An indicator of the occurrence of the following data items:
WAVE-MEASUREMENT primary swell period quantity
WAVE-MEASUREMENT primary swell height dimension
WAVE-MEASUREMENT primary swell direction angle

FLD LEN: 2

WAVE-MEASUREMENT primary swell period quantity
The quantity of time required for two successive primary swell wave crests to pass a fixed point.
MIN: 00 MAX: 14 UNITS: Seconds
SCALING FACTOR: 1
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
99 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WAVE-MEASUREMENT primary swell height dimension
The height of a primary swell wave measured from the trough to the crest.
MIN: 000 MAX: 500 UNITS: Meters
SCALING FACTOR: 10
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WAVE-MEASUREMENT primary swell direction angle
The angle measured clockwise from true north to the direction from which primary swell waves are coming.
MIN: 001 MAX: 360 UNITS: Angular Degrees
SCALING FACTOR: 1
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 1

WAVE-MEASUREMENT primary swell quality code
The code that denotes a quality status of the reported WAVE-MEASUREMENT primary swell.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
0 = No check
1 = Good
2 = Suspect
3 = Erroneous
9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WAVE-MEASUREMENT secondary swell identifier
An indicator that denotes the start of a WAVE-MEASUREMENT secondary swell group.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.
Domain Value ID: Domain Value Definition Text
UG2: An indicator of the occurrence of the following data items:
WAVE-MEASUREMENT secondary swell period quantity
WAVE-MEASUREMENT secondary swell height dimension
WAVE-MEASUREMENT secondary swell direction angle

FLD LEN: 2

WAVE-MEASUREMENT secondary swell period quantity
The quantity of time required for two successive secondary swell wave crests to pass a fixed point.
MIN: 00 MAX: 14 UNITS: Seconds
SCALING FACTOR: 1
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
99 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WAVE-MEASUREMENT secondary swell height dimension
The height of a secondary swell wave measured from the trough to the crest.
MIN: 000 MAX: 500 UNITS: Meters
SCALING FACTOR: 10
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
99 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WAVE-MEASUREMENT secondary swell direction angle
The angle measured clockwise from true north to the direction from which secondary swell waves are coming.
MIN: 001 MAX: 360 UNITS: Angular Degrees
SCALING FACTOR: 1
DOM: A general domain comprised of the numeric characters (0-9).
999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 1

WAVE-MEASUREMENT secondary swell quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported WAVE-MEASUREMENT secondary swell.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

PLATFORM-ICE-ACCRETION identifier

The identifier that denotes the availability of PLATFORM-ICE-ACCRETION data.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

WA1: An indicator of the occurrence of the following data items:

- PLATFORM-ICE-ACCRETION source code
- PLATFORM-ICE-ACCRETION thickness dimension
- PLATFORM-ICE-ACCRETION tendency code

FLD LEN: 1

PLATFORM-ICE-ACCRETION source code

The code that denotes the source of the ice that builds up on a marine platform=s structure.

DOM: A specific domain composed of the following qualitative data values:

Domain Value ID: Domain Value Definition Text

- 1: Icing from ocean spray
- 2: Icing from fog
- 3: Icing from spray and fog
- 4: Icing from rain
- 5: Icing from spray and rain
- 9: Missing

FLD LEN: 3

PLATFORM-ICE-ACCRETION thickness dimension

The thickness of the ice that has accumulated on a marine platform.

MIN: 000 MAX: 998 UNITS: centimeters

SCALING FACTOR: 10

DOM: A specific domain composed of the integer values (0 - 9).

999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 1

PLATFORM-ICE-ACCRETION tendency code

The code that denotes the rate of change of ice thickness on a marine platform.

DOM: A specific domain composed of the following qualitative data values:

Domain Value ID: Domain Value Definition Text

- 0: Ice not building up
- 1: Ice building up slowly
- 2: Ice building up rapidly
- 3: Ice melting or breaking up slowly
- 4: Ice melting or breaking up rapidly
- 9: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

PLATFORM-ICE-ACCRETION quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported PLATFORM-ICE-ACCRETION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION identifier.

The identifier that denotes the availability of a WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

WD1: An indicator of the occurrence of the following data item:

OCEAN-ICE-OBSERVATION edge bearing code

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION uniform concentration rate

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION non-uniform concentration code

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION ship relative position code

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION ship penetrability code

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION ice trend code

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION development code

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION growler-bergy-bit presence code

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION growler-bergy-bit quantity

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION iceberg quantity

FLD LEN: 2

OCEAN-ICE-OBSERVATION edge bearing code

The code that denotes the true bearing, measured from the reporting platform to the closest point of the principal ice edge.

DOM: A specific domain composed of the following qualitative data values:

00: Ship in shore or flaw lead

01: Principal ice edge towards NE

02: Principal ice edge towards E

03: Principal ice edge towards SE

04: Principal ice edge towards S

05: Principal ice edge towards SW

06: Principal ice edge towards W

07: Principal ice edge towards NW

08: Principal ice edge towards N

09: Not determined (ship in ice)

10: Unable to report, because of darkness, lack of visibility or because only ice of land origin is visible

99: Missing

COM: 1. If more than one ice edge can be stated, the nearest or most important shall be reported

2. The bearing shall refer to the true and not to the magnetic north

FLD LEN: 3

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION uniform concentration rate

The percent concentration (surface coverage) of ice on the water surface.

MIN: 000 MAX: 100 UNITS: percent

DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII characters 0-9.

999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 2

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION non-uniform concentration code

The code that denotes the coverage arrangement of non-uniformly distributed ice.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

06: Strips and patches of pack ice with open water between

07: Strips and patches of close or very close pack ice with areas of lesser concentration between

08: Fast ice with open water, very open or open pack ice to seaward of the ice boundary

09: Fast ice with close or very close pack ice to seaward of the ice boundary

99: Unable to report, because of darkness, lack of visibility, or because ship is more than 0.5 nautical mile away from ice edge

FLD LEN: 1

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION ship relative position code

The code that denotes the relative position of the reporting ship to the ice formation.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters

0: Ship in open water with floating ice in sight

1: In open lead or fast ice

2: In ice or within 0.5 nautical miles of ice edge
9: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION ship penetrability code
The code that denotes the degree of ease with which the reporting ship can proceed through the ice.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters.
1: Easy
2: Difficult
3: Beset (Surrounded so closely by sea ice that steering control is lost.)
9: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION ice trend code
The code that denotes the trend of ice conditions.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters.
1: Conditions improving
2: Conditions static
3: Conditions worsening
4: Conditions worsening; ice forming and floes freezing together
5: Conditions worsening; ice under slight pressure
6: Conditions worsening; ice under moderate or severe pressure
9: Missing

FLD LEN: 2

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION development code
The code that denotes the development stage of the ice.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters
00: New ice only (frazil ice, grease ice, slush, slugs)
01: Nilas or ice rind, less than 10 cm thick
02: Young ice (grey ice, grey-white ice), 10 - 30 cm thick
03: Predominantly new and/or young ice with some first year ice
04: Predominantly thin first year ice with some new and/or young ice
05: All thin first year ice (30 - 70 cm thick)
06: Predominantly medium first year ice (70 - 120 cm thick) and thick first year ice (> 120 cm thick) with some thinner (younger) first year ice
07: All medium and thick first year ice
08: Predominantly medium and thick first year ice with some old ice (usually more than 2 m thick)
09: Predominantly old ice
99: Unable to report, because of darkness, lack of visibility or because only ice of land origin is visible or because ship is more than .5 NM away from ice

FLD LEN: 1

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION growler-bergy-bit presence code
The code that denotes the existence of growler and/or bergy bits.
DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters
0: Not present
1: Present
2: Unknown

FLD LEN: 3

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION growler-bergy-bit quantity
The quantity of growler and bergy bits observed in the area.
MIN: 000 MAX: 998
DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII characters 0-9.
999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION iceberg quantity
The quantity of icebergs observed in the area.
MIN: 000 MAX: 998
DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII characters 0-9.
999 = Missing

FLD LEN: 1

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported WATER-SURFACE-ICE-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

- 0 = No check
- 1 = Good
- 2 = Suspect
- 3 = Erroneous
- 9 = Missing

FLD LEN: 3

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION identifier.

The identifier that denotes the availability of a WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

WG1: An indicator of the occurrence of the following data item:

OCEAN-ICE-OBSERVATION edge bearing code

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION edge distance dimension

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION edge orientation code

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION formation type code

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION navigation effect code

FLD LEN: 2

OCEAN-ICE-OBSERVATION edge bearing code

The code that denotes the true bearing, measured from the reporting platform to the closest point of the principle ice edge.

DOM: A specific domain composed of the following qualitative data values:

- 00: Ship in shore or flaw lead
- 01: Principal ice edge towards NE
- 02: Principal ice edge towards E
- 03: Principal ice edge towards SE
- 04: Principal ice edge towards S
- 05: Principal ice edge towards SW
- 06: Principal ice edge towards W
- 07: Principal ice edge towards NW
- 08: Principal ice edge towards N
- 09: Not determined (ship in ice)
- 10: Unable to report, because of darkness, lack of visibility or because only ice of land origin is visible
- 99: Missing

- COM: 1. If more than one ice edge can be stated, the nearest or most important shall be reported
2. The bearing shall refer to the true and not to the magnetic north

FLD LEN: 2

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION edge distance dimension

The distance from the reporting ship=s location to the nearest point on the ice edge.

MIN: 00 MAX: 98 UNITS: Kilometers

DOM: A general domain comprised of the ASCII characters 0-9

99 = missing

FLD LEN: 2

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION edge orientation code

The code that denotes the orientation of the principal ice edge and the direction relative to which the ice lies.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters

- 00: Orientation of ice edge impossible to estimate--ship outside the ice
- 01: Ice edge lying in a direction NE to SW with ice situated to the NW
- 02: Ice edge lying in a direction E to W with ice situated to the N
- 03: Ice edge lying in a direction SE to NW with ice situated to the NE
- 04: Ice edge lying in a direction S to N with ice situated to the E
- 05: Ice edge lying in a direction SW to NE with ice situated to the SE

06: Ice edge lying in a direction W to E with ice situated to the S
 07: Ice edge lying in a direction NW to SE with ice situated to the SW
 08: Ice edge lying in a direction N to S with ice situated to the W
 09: Orientation of ice edge impossible to estimate--ship inside the ice
 99: Missing

FLD LEN: 2

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION formation type code

The code that denotes the type of ice formation reported in the WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters

00: No ice (0 may be used to report ice blink and then a direction must be reported)

01: New ice

02: Fast ice

03: Pack-ice/drift-ice

04: Packed (compact) slush or sludge

05: Shore lead

06: Heavy fast ice

07: Heavy pack-ice/drift-ice

08: Hummocked ice

09: Icebergs-icebergs can be reported in plain language

99: Missing

FLD LEN: 2

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION navigation effect code

The code that denotes the effect of ice on navigation.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII characters

00: Navigation unobstructed

01: Navigation unobstructed for steamers, difficult for sailing ships

02: Navigation difficult for low-powered steamers, closed to sailing ships

03: Navigation possible only for powerful steamers

04: Navigation possible only for steamers constructed to withstand ice pressure

05: Navigation possible with the assistance of ice-breakers

06: Channel open in the solid ice

07: Navigation temporarily closed

08: Navigation closed

09: Navigation conditions unknown, e.g., owing to bad weather

99: Missing

FLD LEN: 1

WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION quality code

The code that denotes a quality status of the reported WATER-SURFACE-ICE-HISTORICAL-OBSERVATION.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = No check

1 = Good

2 = Suspect

3 = Erroneous

9 = Missing

Remarks Data Section

FLD LEN 3

GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION remarks identifier
 The identifier that denotes the beginning of the remarks data section.
 DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII character set.
 REM = Remarks Data Section

FLD LEN: 3

GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION remark identifier
 An indicator of the type of surface remarks data contained in the GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION-REMARK text
 DOM: A specific domain composed of the following qualitative data values.
 Domain Value ID: Domain Value Definition Text
 SYN: Synoptic Remarks
 AWY: Airways Remarks
 MET: METAR Remarks
 Indicate the occurrence of the following data items:
 GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION remark length quantity
 GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION remark text

FLD LEN: 3

GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION remark length quantity
 A quantity that indicates the length of a individual GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION-REMARK text.
 MIN: 001 MAX: 250
 DOM: A general domain composed of the ASCII characters (0-9).

FLD LEN: 250

GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION remark text
 The text of a GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION-REMARK.
 DOM: A general domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

Element Quality Data Section

FLD LEN: 3

GEOPHYSICAL-POINT-OBSERVATION quality data identifier

The identifier that denotes the beginning of the element quality data section.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII character set.

EQD = Element Quality Data

FLD LEN: 3

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY identifier

The identifier that denotes the existence of ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY data.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII character set.

Q01 - Q99: The following may be occur from 0 to 99 times, for AFCCC DATSAV3 and for ISH Version 2, and

P01 - P99: The following may be occur from 0 to 99 times, for ISH Version 2 (P denotes data originated from TD3240 or TD3280):

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY original value text

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY reason code

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY parameter code

FLD LEN: 6

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY original value text

The original value text for elements which were rejected or recomputed during validation.

DOM: A general domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set

FLD LEN: 1

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY reason code

The code that denotes the reason an element was identified as suspect, erroneous or recomputed, or in the case of data originating from TD3280, the units code for the data are stored in this position, and the data quality flag is stored with the parameter code (see N01-N99 below).

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

0 = Original value missing or corrupted

6 = Geophysical checks and consistency checks

2 = Geophysical checks (checking the validity against other parameters)

7 = Gross error checks and geophysical checks and consistency checks

1 = Gross error checks (range and/or domain check)

3 = Consistency checks (checking the validity against the same type of parameter)

4 = Gross error checks and geophysical checks

5 = Gross error checks and consistency checks

FLD LEN: 6

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY parameter code

The code that denotes the type of parameter that the supplemental-level-element-quality applies to.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

Comment Text:

APC3: ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE THREE HOUR CHANGE QUANTITY

ATOLD: AIR-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION-LEVEL DEWPOINT TEMPERATURE

WOSPD: WIND-OBSERVATION SPEED RATE

WOLSPD: WIND-OBSERVATION-LEVEL SPEED RATE

WOLDIR: WIND-OBSERVATION-LEVEL DIRECTION ANGLE

WODIR: WIND-OBSERVATION DIRECTION ANGLE

ATOLDS: AIR-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION-LEVEL DENSITY RATE

ATOLT: AIR-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION-LEVEL AIR TEMPERATURE

ATOD: AIR-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION DEW POINT TEMPERATURE

ATOT: AIR-TEMPERATURE-OBSERVATION AIR TEMPERATURE

APOSP: ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION STATION PRESSURE RATE

APOSLP: ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION SEA LEVEL PRESSURE

APOLP: ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION-LEVEL PRESSURE RATE
 APOLH: ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION-LEVEL HEIGHT DIMENSION
 APOA: ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-OBSERVATION ALTIMETER RATE
 WGOSPD: WIND-GUST-OBSERVATION SPEED RATE
 APCQ24: ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE TWENTY FOUR HOUR QUANTITY
 APCTEN: ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE-CHANGE TENDENCY CODE
 PRSWOA: PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION AUTOMATED ATMOSPHERIC
 CONDITION CODE
 PRSWM1: PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION MANUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
 CODE
 PRSWM2: PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION MANUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
 CODE
 PRSWM3: PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION MANUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
 CODE
 PRSWM4: PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION MANUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
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 PRSWM5: PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION MANUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
 CODE
 PRSWM6: PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION MANUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
 CODE
 PRSWM7: PRESENT-WEATHER-OBSERVATION MANUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
 CODE
 PSTWA1: PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION AUTOMATED ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
 CODE
 PSTWA2: PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION AUTOMATED ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
 CODE
 PSTWM1: PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION MANUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
 CODE
 PSTWM2: PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION MANUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION
 CODE
 PSTWOP: PAST-WEATHER-OBSERVATION PERIOD QUANTITY
 SCOCIG: SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION CEILING HEIGHT DIMENSION
 SCOHCG: SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION HIGH CLOUD GENUS CODE
 SCOLCB: SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION LOWEST CLOUD BASE HEIGHT DIMENSION
 SCOLCG: SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION LOW CLOUD GENUS CODE
 SCOMCG: SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION MID CLOUD GENUS CODE
 SCOTCV: SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION TOTAL COVERAGE CODE
 SCOTLC: SKY-CONDITION-OBSERVATION TOTAL LOWEST CLOUD COVER CODE
 VODIS: VISIBILITY-OBSERVATION DISTANCE DIMENSION
 VOVAR: VISIBILITY-OBSERVATION VARIABILITY CODE

FLD LEN: 3

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY identifier

The identifier that denotes the existence of ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY data. These data will appear after the Q## data described above.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII character set.

N01 - N99: The following may be occur from 0 to 99 times, for NCDC TD3280:

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY original value text

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY units code

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY parameter code

FLD LEN: 6

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY original value text

The original value text for elements which were rejected or recomputed during validation.

DOM: A general domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set

FLD LEN: 1

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY units code

The code that denotes the units code for the data are stored in this position, and the data quality flag is stored with the parameter code below.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

ELEMENT-UNITS TABLE

Value.....	Equates to this value from original TD3280.....
A	DT Wind direction in tens of degrees
B	F Whole degrees Fahrenheit
C	HF Hundreds of feet
D	HM Miles and hundredths
E	IH Inches and hundredths of mercury
F	IT Inches and thousandths of mercury
G	KD knots and direction in tens of degrees
H	KS Knots and direction in 16 point WBAN Code
I	MT Millibars and tenths
J	NA No units applicable (non-dimensional)
K	N1 No units applicable - element to tenths
L	N2 No units applicable - element to hundredths
M	P Whole percent
O	TC Degrees Celsius in tenths
P	TF Degrees Fahrenheit in tenths

FLD LEN: 6

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-ELEMENT-QUALITY parameter code

The code that denotes the type of parameter that the supplemental-level-element-quality applies to.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the characters in the ASCII character set.

First 4 characters = the element name as defined below. Position 5 = the Flag 1 value as defined below. Position 6 = Flag 2 value as defined below.

Element names and definitions:

ALC – Sky condition in tenths from ASOS
 ALM – Sky condition in eighths from ASOS
 ALTP – Altimeter setting
 CC51 – Sky condition prior to 1951
 CLC – Sky condition in tenths
 CLM – Sky condition in eighths
 CLHT – Ceiling height
 CLT – Cloud type and height by layer
 C2C3 – Total cloud cover by first 2 and first 3 layers
 DPTC – Dew point temperature in celcius
 DPTP – Dew point temperature in fahrenheit
 HZVS – Horizontal visibility
 PRES – Station pressure
 PWTH – Present weather
 PWVC – Present weather in vicinity
 RHUM – Relative humidity
 SLVP – Sea level pressure
 TMCD – Dry bulb temperature in celcius
 TMPD – Dry bulb temperature in fahrenheit
 TMPW – Wet bulb temperature in fahrenheit
 TSCE – Total sky cover in eighths
 TSKC – Total sky cover in tenths
 WD16 – Wind direction and speed in 16 point code
 WIND – Wind direction and speed
 WND2 – Wind direction and speed from ASOS

FLAG-1 (Measurement Value):

C	Ceiling of cirroform clouds at unknown height (Sep 56 - Mar 70)
D	Derived value
E	Estimated value
G	Visibility > or = 100 miles (data value = 10000)
M	Visibility missing (data value = 99999)
N	Unlimited visibility (data value = 99999)
R	Dew Point and/or Relative Humidity, originally calculated with respect to ice have been recomputed with respect to water. (DPTP, RHUM)

U Unlimited ceiling height (DATA-VALUE = 99999). (CLHT)
b (blank) Flag not needed. (All elements except CC51)

FLAG-2 (Data Quality Flag Value):

0 Observed data has passed all internal consistency checks.
1 Validity indeterminable (primarily for pre-1984 data).
2 Observed data has failed an internal consistency check - subsequent edited value follows observed value.
3 Data beginning January 1, 1984 - observed data has failed a consistency check - No edited value follows. Data prior to 1 Jan 84 - observed data exceeded preselected climatological limits during conversion from historic TD-1440 files. No edited value follows.
4 Observed data value invalid - no edited value follows.
5 Data converted from historic TD-1440 exceeded known climatological extremes - no edited value follows.
E Edited data value passes all system checks - no observed value present.
M Manually edited data value added to data set after original archival. Automated edit not performed on this item.
S Manually edited data passes all system checks.

FLD LEN: 3

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-TD3280 identifier

The identifier that denotes the existence of ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-TD3280 information.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII character set.

QNN: The following may be occur from 0 to 99 times, for NCDC TD3280:

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-TD3280 original source codes and flags

FLD LEN: 5

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-TD3280 source codes and flags

The original source codes and flags from TD3280, for possible future use in ISH database quality control.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII character set.

For each original td3280 data record, the source code 1 and 2, and flag 1 and 2 original values are stored as follows:

QNN@1234@1234@1234 where:

QNN = indicator for section

@ = element identifier (see below)

1234 = source code 1, source code 2, flag 1, and flag 2 sequentially, for each element as defined in original TD3280.

Element Identifiers (@) as mentioned above:

A – ALC
B – ALM
C – ALTP
D – CC51
E – CLC
F – CLM
G – CLHT
H – CLT
I – C2C3
J – DPTC
K – DPTP
L – HZVS
M – PRES
N – PWTH
O – PWVC
P – RHUM
Q – SLVP
R – TMCD
S – TMPD
T – TMPW
U – TSCE
V – TSKC
W – WD16

X – WIND
Y – WND2

FLD LEN: 6

ORIGINAL-OBSERVATION-TD3280 data value

The original data value from TD3280, as defined for the element above, for possible future use in ISH database quality control.

DOM: A specific domain comprised of the ASCII character set.

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7. **Start Date:**

 1900, but the date will vary by station.
 8. **Stop Date:** Present
 9. **Coverage:**
 - a. Southernmost Latitude: 9000S
 - b. Northernmost Latitude: 9000N
 - c. Westernmost Longitude: 18000W
 - d. Easternmost Longitude: 18000E
 10. **Location:** Global
 11. **Keywords:**
 - a. Temperature
 - b. Dew Point
 - c. Wind Speed
 - d. Wind Gust
 - e. Wind Direction
 - f. Ceiling
 - g. Sky Cover
 - h. Cloud Layer Data
 - i. Visibility
 - j. Present Weather
 - k. Past Weather
 - l. Sea Level Pressure
 - m. Altimeter Setting
 - n. Station Pressure
 - o. 3-hour Pressure Change
 - p. Precipitation Amount
 - q. Snowfall
 - r. Snow Depth
 - s. Maximum Temperature
 - t. Minimum Temperature
 - u. US Air Force
 - v. Clouds
 - w. Surface
 12. **How to Order Data:**

 Order from:

National Climatic Data Center
Climate Services Branch
Federal Building
151 Patton Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801-5001
phone: (828) 271-4800
email: ncdc.orders@noaa.gov

13. **Archiving Data Centers:**

Air Force Combat Climatology Center (AFCCC)
National Climatic Data Center
Federal Building
151 Patton Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801-5001

14. **Technical Contact:**

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15. **Known Uncorrected Problems:**

Minimal number of random errors, decode errors, and reporting errors (by station)--less than .1% of observations affected overall. Most errors corrected/eliminated by quality control software.

16. **Quality Statement:**

Data have undergone extensive automated quality control, and additional manual quality control for US Air Force stations, US Navy stations, and US National Weather Service stations.

17. **Revision Date:** N/A

18. **Source Data Sets:**

AFCCC DATSAV3 Surface Hourly, NCDC TD3280 Surface Hourly, NCDC TD3240 Hourly Precipitation

19. **Essential Companion Data Sets:** N/A

20. **Derived Data Sets:** Global summary of day for 1994-present

21. **References:** N/A

22. **Summary:**

The Integrated Surface Hourly database is composed of worldwide surface weather observations from about 20,000 stations, collected and stored from sources such as the Automated Weather Network (AWN), the Global Telecommunications System (GTS), the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS), and data keyed from paper forms. Most digital observations are decoded either at operational centers and forwarded to the Federal Climate Complex (FCC) in Asheville, NC, or decoded at the FCC. The US Air Force Combat Climatology Center (AFCCC), the National Climatic Data

Center (NCDC), and the US Navy's Fleet Numerical Meteorological and Oceanographical Command Detachment (FNMOD), make up the FCC in Asheville, NC. Each agency is responsible for data ingest, quality control, and customer support for surface climatological data. All data are now stored in a single ASCII format. The database is used in climatological applications by numerous DoD and civilian customers.

ISH refers to the digital database and format in which hourly and synoptic (3-hourly) weather observations are stored. The format conforms to Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS). The database includes data originating from various codes such as synoptic, airways, METAR (Meteorological Routine Weather Report), and SMARS (Supplementary Marine Reporting Station), as well as observations from automatic weather stations. The data are sorted by station-year-month-day-hour-minute. This document provides complete documentation for the database and its format.